

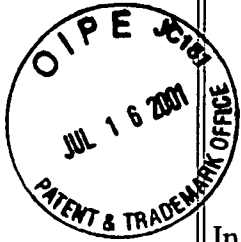
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Further to the Preliminary Amendment of March 8, 2000, the Patent Owner submits additional claims of intermediate scope to provide protection for several narrower aspects of the invention.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 60-63, as follows:

- 60. The exponential amplification method of claim 43 wherein the target polynucleotide is amplified with random primers.
- 61. The exponential amplification method of claim 43 wherein the target polynucleotide is amplified with specially tailored primers.

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